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SEAPORT COMPLETE PLANS; CASPIAN NAVIGATION OPENS

PORTS COMPLETE PLANS -- Morskoy Flot. No 34, 29 Apr 49

Workers of the Riga port have fulfilled the April plan ahead of schedule. They used high-speed methods in loading and unloading 90 percent of the ships that visited the port.

Workers at the Nikolayev port have completed the April plan ahead of schedule.

Odesa port workers have completed the plan 105.6 percent.

A number of shops of the Black Sea Ship-Repair Plant have completed the April plan ahead of schedule.

Krasnyy Plot, No 80, 6 Apr 49

The Vladivostok commercial port fulfilled the 1948 State plan for freight handling and saved 9.5 million rubles of State funds. As a reward for its high production, the port received the transferable Red Banner of the Primorsky Krai Committee of VKP(b) and the Krai Executive Committee.

During the first 2 months of 1949, the port workers retained the banner after having exceeded the monthly plans. The March plan was fulfilled 110 percent. Labor productivity is steadily increasing. During the last few days, the average daily volume of freight handling was doubled, and on some days the established daily norm was exceeded three times.

NAVIGATION STARTS IN NORTH CASPIAN SEA -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 73, 15 Apr 49

Navigation has begun in the northern Caspian Sea. The first steamer Rosa Lyuksemburg arrived at Port Shevchenko, having towed six barges and 11 fishing boats from Astrakhan'. The crew of the steamer pledged to fulfill the navigation plan ahead of schedule. All minor repairs are to be done at sea.

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The steamers Krasin and Karl Marx left the port. They will deliver fishing equipment, salt, and other necessary items to fishing boats.

NEW EXPERIMENTAL SHIP IN BLACK SEA -- Morskoy Flot, No 32, 22 Apr 49

The Diesel ship Vityaz' is anchored in Odessa after completing its first voyage from the Baltic to the Black Sea. The Vityaz' is the best Soviet scientific research ship. It is equipped with a number of research laboratories and other equipment necessary for oceanographic investigations. The ship has a special anchor construction for stationary work in deep water.

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